



A small school with a big heart

NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2022

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Star of the Week Class 1

Austin: for an incredible attitude towards work and his interactions with peers and adults.

Sam: for super phonics and blending when reading.

Star of the Week Class 2

Oliver: for working hard all week and applying himself to all tasks.

James C: for always working hard to improve his reading.



Big Hearts are awarded to:

Millie: for looking out for others and for being helpful.

Megan: for creating a well thought out Advent wreath for her homework.

Notices

KS2 Advent service: please return the slips as soon as possible so that we can give an indication of numbers attending.

Children in Need: this fundraising event takes place today. If anyone would like to support it they can donate [here](#).

School sweepstake for the World Cup: our school council are organising a sweepstake at £1 per entry, with proceeds going to purchase a Cafod World Gift (please see the accompanying letter for more details). This will take place on Monday! Prizes to be won!

After school club doorbell: the white doorbell outside school was set up for after school club so that it could be heard in the hall. It is not so easy to hear it in the office. Please do use the panel on the stone wall, which is much clearer in the office. Many thanks.

Christmas fair: this will take place at Claughton Village Hall on Friday 25 November 2022 between 6pm and 8pm. There will be stalls and the school choir will be giving a special performance so do bring friends and family along to this lovely event to begin the festive season.

An email has been sent out asking for parent volunteers for specific roles on the night and help with setting up and clearing away. We now have enough mince pies but would still be grateful for cakes on the night.

Christmas Raffle: our Christmas raffle has some amazing prizes, from chocolates and bottles, artisan cheeseboard and Stable Yard Gin hamper, Forest School vouchers, and vouchers from PNE, Rascals playcentre, the Flower Bowl (you can try curling!) and Cumbria Safari Zoo (the former South Lakes Wild Animal Park – a great day out!). We are very grateful to anyone who has donated a prize. Tickets are £1 per strip and will be for sale on the night.

Christmas Nativity: this year the children will be performing a new Nativity play called Hosanna Rock! There will be performances at 2pm and 6pm on Tuesday 13 December in church. The band will also be performing on the night, showcasing their new musical skills.

Numbers Club: congratulations to Mr and Mrs Maiden (124) who won £50 as first prize in the November draw, and to Rucha Cogle (79) who won £20 as second prize.

Our new school council: our school council have been voted in this week, during our Anti-bullying Week and UK Parliament Week. All children across the school voted for who they thought would be best to represent them on our school council. An important part of our school's British Values is democracy and individual liberty, ensuring children are heard and have an input into the life of the school. The children have already had a meeting this week with Mr Gilmour, to bring ideas together and organise themselves as a council. The first objective is to raise money for CAFOD World Gifts, with a World Cup football sweepstake.



After-school club: as you know, we have been actively seeking a new member of staff to join our team in order for us to provide after school club care for your children. We have not received any applicants. Therefore, at present, we are not able to provide this service for you. The position has been reposted on the Lancashire school vacancies website for a third time. We thank you for your patience in this matter and I am sure you will appreciate that we are doing all we can. If you know of anybody suitable, please do pass this on.

Parent Governor vacancy: we have a vacancy for a parent governor. If you are interested or wish to find out more, please let us know. We will then organise an election for the position.

Packed lunch days: As you are aware, the dinners are transported from the kitchen of another school. There are three dates this year when their kitchens will not be open due to inset days

taking place. On those days we would ask that you send your children to school with a packed lunch. The dates are: **3 January 2023, 4 January 2023 and 26 May 2023**. We will issue reminders nearer the time.

The Week Ahead

Monday 21 November	Class Two PE
Tuesday 22 November	Mr Warren: music lessons and choir practice Class One PE Band practice 3.30 to 4.30pm
Wednesday 23 November	Class Two PE (fencing) Class One: multi skills enrichment club 3.30 to 4.30pm Class Two: forest school club 3.30 to 4.30pm Glow dodgeball for Year 3 and 4 Garstang Academy 4pm
Thursday 24 November	Class One PE Class Two: Musical Theatre club 3.30 to 4.30pm Class One: teacher-led enrichment club 3.30 to 4.30pm
Friday 25 November	Judo 8am CHRISTMAS FAIR! 6pm Claughton Village Hall

Date for Your Diary

Friday 25 November	Christmas Fair 6pm to 8pm Claughton Village Hall
Monday 12 December	Christmas party at Barton Grange hotel. Details to follow.
Tuesday 13 December	Whole school nativity at Claughton church 2pm and 6pm
Wednesday 14 December	Christmas dinner in school
Friday 16 December	School closes for Christmas at <u>1.30pm</u>

We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine...

Loving God,

We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world that, in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity to our sisters and brothers in need.

May we walk in your ways, so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen.

Wishing you all a pleasant weekend and we'll see you on Monday...